

## COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

### Workplace Exposure Information

- The COVID-19 Response team continues to encourage all faculty, staff, and student employees to [self-report](#) their COVID-19 infections, in order to comply with CalOSHA and State regulations requiring notification of exposed close contact co-workers. Beginning July 1, 2023, along with individual confidential notifications through the [UCSB MyHealth Portal](#), campus locations of known positive cases will also be listed on the [Workplace Exposure Information](#) page to enable more widespread notifications. Please note that the university's COVID-19 dashboard has been discontinued as a means of tracking overall COVID-19 case numbers since the widespread use of home testing has made these numbers unreliable.

### COVID-19 Update and Revision to UC Policy on COVID-19

#### Vaccination Requirements

- On May 16, 2023, the University of California Office of the President announced revisions to the [University of California COVID-19 vaccine policy](#), to allow students, faculty, and staff using campus facilities the option of affirmatively declining the required COVID-19 vaccines without the need for approval of exceptions or exemptions. Additional information about these revisions and their impact on campus processes can be found in the [June 2 communication](#) to the campus community.

### COVID-19 Prevention Plan

- The Office of Environmental Health & Safety has updated its [COVID-19 Prevention Plan](#), an all-inclusive preparation plan for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 within the UC Santa Barbara community amid the campus's gradual return to in-person instruction, research, operations and other activities.

Additional notices from the chancellor and others may be found in [Messages to Campus](#).

## Campus Mitigation Protocols

For faculty and staff members who are reporting to work on-site and for students who live in university housing or attend classes or conduct research on campus, a number of protocols are in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Among them are the following:

### Vaccine Policy

Please visit our [COVID-19 Vaccine](#) page for information related to the UC Office of the President's systemwide vaccine policy.

### Face Coverings

Masks are no longer required but individuals should use information about the current COVID-19 community levels to guide which prevention behaviors to use and when (at all times or at specific times) based on their own risk for severe illness and that of members of their household, their risk tolerance, and setting-specific factors.

Regardless of the COVID-19 community levels, The [California Department of Public Health](#) recommends that you:

- Wear a mask around others if you have respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, runny nose, and/or sore throat),
- Consider wearing a mask in indoor areas of public transportation (such as in airplanes, trains, buses, ferries) and transportation hubs (such as airports, stations, and seaports).
- When choosing to wear a mask, ensure your mask provides the best fit and filtration (respirators like N95, KN95 and KF94 are best).
- If you've had a significant exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, wear a mask for 10 days.

Face masks, both surgical and N95, are available without charge for students, faculty, and staff at the UCEN Campus Store Customer Service Desk and the A.S. Pardall Center, and at [other locations on campus](#). Access the "[N95 Mask - How to Wear](#)" and the "[N95 Respirator Use](#)" videos to learn about proper use of N95 respirators.

## Cleaning

Frequent hand washing and surface cleaning is recommended. Disinfection should be performed in work areas where a COVID-19 exposure has been reported.

## [Exposure/Positive Results to COVID-19](#)

### QUARANTINE INSTRUCTIONS (I WAS EXPOSED TO COVID-19, WHAT DO I DO)

- You do not need to quarantine as long as you have no symptoms of COVID-19
- Test within 3-5 days after last exposure
- Persons previously infected with COVID-19 within the prior 30 days do not need to be tested unless symptoms develop. If the infection was within 31-90 days, testing with a COVID-19 rapid antigen home test is recommended, and if negative, multiple tests may be necessary.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days, especially in indoor settings
- If testing positive, follow the isolation recommendations
- If symptoms develop, test and stay home.

### COVID-19 POSITIVE RESULTS

UCSB students and employees who test positive for COVID-19 on a laboratory test or home test, and those that are close contacts to cases will follow the isolation and quarantine instructions below. These instructions are consistent with the current [California Department of Public Health](#).

Do not wait to be contacted by Contact Tracing to begin isolation or quarantine. Please fill out the "COVID Positive Interview Questions" under the "New Message" option in the [MyHealth Portal](#). Depending on the daily case and close contact volume, you may not be contacted.

[CDC: What to do if you are sick](#)

### ISOLATION INSTRUCTIONS (I AM COVID-19 POSITIVE, WHAT DO I DO?)

#### **Everyone who tests positive, regardless of vaccination status, will:**

- Stay home for at least 5 days.
- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and no fever is present for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.
- If symptoms or fever is present, isolation should be continued for 10 days
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings; the mask may be discontinued on day 6 or later if you obtain 2 negative rapid antigen COVID-19 home tests at least 24 hours apart.
- Students, staff and employees should fill out the "Isolation Release Survey" on day 6 or later under the [MyHealth Portal](#) "Surveys" tab, if they fill the criteria to be released from Isolation before the full 10 days have elapsed.

## Campus Resources

Additional guidelines, and the “COVID-19 Prevention Training Document” course required by Cal/OSHA and the California Department of Public Health, are outlined on the [Campus Requirements](#) page.

[Human Resources’ Guidance for Staff and Supervisors During COVID-19 Impacts](#) provides information and resources for staff and supervisors. Links on the page are updated as announcements are made and new information becomes available.

Environmental Health & Safety has posted its [COVID-19 Prevention Plan](#), an all-inclusive mitigation and preparation plan for the campus’s gradual return to in-person instruction, research, operations and other activities.

The [Environmental Health Program](#) at Environmental Health & Safety offers numerous resources, including general information, guidance documents, information on masks and face coverings, cleaning resources and infographics and signage.

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## Worksite Specific Safety Plan Training Record Form

**Employee: Submit this signed page to your department.**

**Department: Retain signed copies locally as the official record holder.**

Prior to working on campus, all personnel must:

- Review & sign the UC Santa Barbara COVID-19 Prevention Training
- Read and Review the Worksite Specific Safety Plan (WSSP)
- Receive job-specific or task-specific COVID-19 prevention training as needed

Once the noted Learning Activity or noted job or task specific COVID-19 prevention training has been completed, the training record form should be initiated, dated and returned to the supervisor or the WSSP Responsible Person.

Initial	Date	Learning Activity
		Review & sign the UC Santa Barbara COVID-19 Prevention Training Document
		Read and Review the Worksite Specific Safety Plan

Initial	Date	Job or Task Specific Training

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have received training regarding the above items. I understand that it is my responsibility to follow the Worksite Specific Safety Plan and to implement measures that mitigate the potential of a COVID-19 outbreak.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date

**Note: Department is the official record holder. Retain/file local department copy.**